

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Child and Family Services Agency

CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR
A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2021-C-0074

CAPTION: Therapeutic Residential Treatment Services

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: USIAHT Florida

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1700, 1701

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has the following immediate need:

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) has a need to provide trauma-informed, CSEC-informed treatment in a residential setting with the contractor listed above, in order to assist CFSA in maintaining its compliance with the LaShawn A. v. Bowser Implementation Plan.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

NTE \$110,875.00

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- (a) The Child and Family Services Agency, as part of the ongoing *LaShawn A v. Bowser* federal litigation, is required to provide services that will enable CFSA youth to successfully transition out of the child welfare system;
- (b) The request for a contract with USIAHT Florida Safe Home arose out of an unmet need encountered by CFSA for a residential program outside of the DC metro area that is designed for the treatment of adolescent male youth who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation (“CSEC”). Additionally, this youth requires a higher level of care not identifiable within the local community. While CFSA has residential resources and mental health services available locally, CFSA staff have observed that youth who require the services of USIAHT Florida Safe Home are often not effectively treated by local resources. The nature of CSEC victimization creates complicated personal, social,

and clinical dynamics that require distance and highly specific clinical expertise (trauma-informed and CSEC-informed) in or to be treated successfully.

- (c) USIAHT Florida Safe Home is a unique program that was identified and vetted jointly by CFSA's OWB, Placement Administration, and the OAG. As one of the first safe homes for boys in the United States, it is dedicated to the care of male victims of sex trafficking under the age of 18. The home offers a trauma-based care approach via a six to nine-month program. The services provided by USIAHT Florida Safe Home are not replicated elsewhere in the placement or treatment arrays used by CFSA and there are no Medicaid providers that provide similar services.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Brenda Donald
Director

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer